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In re the Application of:

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MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) Applicant submits herewith the references cited on the attached PTO/SB/08a. The references listed on the PTO/SB/08a form were cited in an European Search Report from a related application. A copy of the Search Report is also submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider these references in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.104.

Applicant notes that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed documents as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.


It is respectfully requested that the Examiner fully consider each item of information, initial the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a in the appropriate place to indicate that the information has been considered, and return a copy of the initialed form to the undersigned in accordance with MPEP Section 609.

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Attorney Docket No.: 002372.00044

It is believed that no fee is required to ensure consideration of the cited references by the Examiner. However, if a fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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